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City services remain amid likely shutdown

Molly Tippen Staff Writer

City operations are likely to move along as usual as long as the deadlock in Lansing doesn't go on too long.

State House legislators - who are working to reach a final agreement on a statewide fiscal budget - have until Oct. 1 to approve a spending plan and avoid a partial government shutdown. Cities and townships are somewhat dependent on revenue sharing payments from the state that may not be made if the government is interrupted.

Romulus Mayor Alan Lambert said the city is definitely keeping an eye on the developments in Lansing and is eagerly awaiting an answer to the budget question.

"We hope it doesn't come down to shutting down the government, and services that people need (at the state level)," he said. "And to be honest, I'm not sure if a short shutdown would affect us that much. We have reserves to deal

with this sort of thing."

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Economic Development Director Tim Keyes also said he's looking at the potential fallout from a shutdown.

"T've been on the MML (Michigan Municipal League) web site," he said. "There's two kinds of revenue sharing and one is constitutional, and it may be that they're required to pay that out regardless (of a shutdown)."

Romulus has cash reserves most other area municipalities do not because a thriving business base, and monies it receives for airport parking. Still, a long shutdown could impact the city, Lambert said.

A compromise on raising the income tax rate from 3.9 percent to about 4.6 percent, and determining how or if there should be spending cuts is the reason the state cannot come to an agreement on a budget. Most Democrats want the tax increase. The Republican plan would raise it 4.3 percent. State Democrats have failed to get enough votes for approval of the tax hike - a vote last week yielded on 52

votes, including a Republican one, and 56 are required to approve a measure.

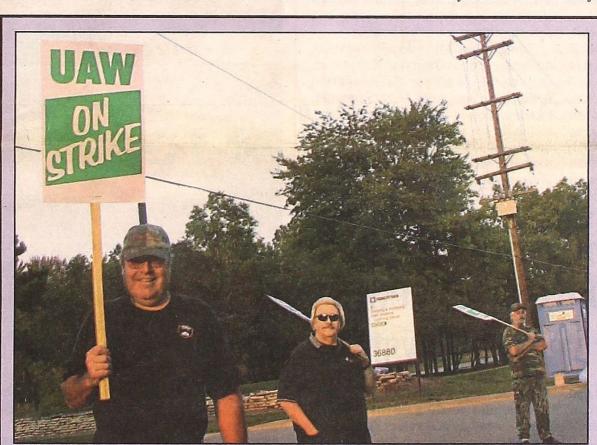
Revenue sharing - behind property taxes is the second-largest source of revenue for municipalities. Payments are made about four times each year, in equal increments.

While municipalities are somewhat shielded from the blow of a government shutdown, public school districts are not. Districts are expecting payment for per-pupil funding from the state, which makes up the largest share of their operating expenses.

If a shutdown occurs, state non-essential services will be halted. State parks programs will temporarily cease, some government offices would be closed, and secretary of state offices would be closed.

Essential services, like state police patrols, could be curtailed not completely eliminated.

It's not clear what city services would be affected if a long shutdown occurred, but police officers and firefighters would remain on the job.



Dan McCarty (background) holds a sign outside of the GM Romulus Engine plant on Ecorse Road.

arrects employees, city

Molly Tippen Staff Writer

It was a somber environment at the Romulus Engine Facility on Ecorse Road after 11 a.m. Monday when plant workers filed out of the building to go on strike.

Workers, who were notified by union negotiators that a deal for rank-and-file members was not met after marathon talks last weekend, picked up picket signs and took to the front of the engine General Motors plant.

"I'm disappointed that we

couldn't reach an agreement because it looked so close this weekend," said Dan McCarty, a 48-year-old forklift driver who has worked for the automaker for 29 years.

"I can't say I'm surprised. though," he added. "I support the negotiators, but I don't think anyone here wanted the Strike (to occur). But they keep asking for concessions."

Romulus Engine, a plant that houses 1,200 United Auto Workers (UAW) members and about 250 salaried personnel, is where about five different engines for trucks and sports

utility vehicles manufactured by GM are built.

The strike, which involves about 10,000 workers in Michigan, came after union officials were unable to come to an agreement on several issues involving job security, outsourcing, and health care costs. The automaker has stressed the need to pull back costs on all of these factors.

The national contract expired on Sept. 14, and the strike deadline was pushed back on an hour-by-hour basis

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Firefighters win \$375,000 federal grant

Molly Tippen Staff Writer

Romulus firefighters will receive one of the largest grants ever given to a local fire department after city council members agreed to accept the money and provide the required matching funds.

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant will provide \$375,600 to the 19-person department, and will require the city to match 10 percent of the funds. The grant is awarded to several departments for equipment and training by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) which gave 126 agencies money for the 2007 fiscal year.

In Romulus, the grant will be used to fund the replacement of outdated equipment, said Deputy Fire Chief Phil Wagner.

"It's either the eighth or ninth largest grant given to a local fire department (in the history of the program)," he said. "We've applied for it three times, and this is the first year we've received a grant.

"It's going to help us immensely with some of the equipment issues we have," Wagner added.

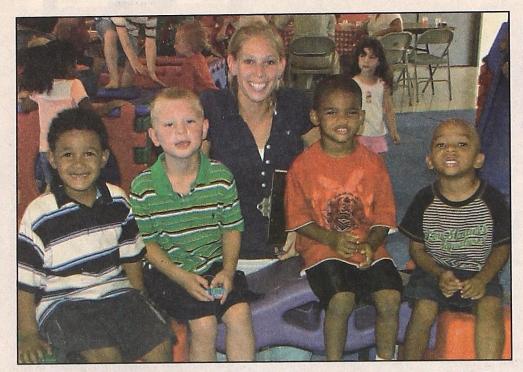
The matching funds - or \$37,560 - will come from equipment monies already provided to the department by the city.

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Preschoolers enjoy the ice cream social welcome event organized by the Early Childhood Development Center staff in the Van Buren Public Schools.

Pre-school program enrollment continues

Enrollment is still under way for several Van Buren Public Schools programs. including A Great Start Preschool, the Michigan School Readiness Program, the Early Childhood Development Program and the Preschool Autism Program.

Pre-school classes are offered for children ages 3 to 6. Developmental and school readiness goals are emphasized in all programs.

The Great Start Preschool is a tuitionbased program. The philosophy revolves around meeting the needs of every area of a child's development: intellectual, social, emotional and physical. The Van Buren preschool program provides an environment rich with many positive learning experiences, according to offi-

The Michigan School Readiness

Program is a state funded program servicing 4-year-olds identified by two or more factors that places children "at risk". The program is center based and addresses the needs of families through classroom experiences, home visits and parent involvement, officials said.

The Early Childhood Program is designed for children 3 to 6 that may include any or all special education needs. The Preschool Autism program focuses upon a variety of approaches, including pre-academic readiness, gross and fine motor skills. Communication, play and socialization enrichment are also targeted daily, according to officials.

For more information on the programs, contact Elsie D. Berry, preschool coordinator for the Van Buren Public Schools at (734) 697-9123, ext. 307.

Township board OKs new water meter reading system

The Van Buren Township Water and Sewer Department has initiated a new project to improve the delivery of service to residents.

According to officials, it's being done through the new automated meter-reading program, which includes the installation of a fixed water meter reading system.

The project includes the installation of new water meters at all township customer locations—homes, businesses, and schools—with attached radio devices. This radio and meter equipment automatically sends meter readings and other data to a computer via radio signal. The township can then gather the meter reading information and use it to produce the water bill and send it out to customers. It will allow for more accuracy in the meter reading and billing system, the ability to monitor water use information and improve township staffing efficiency, officials said.

Van Buren Township contracted with Elster AMCO water and SLC/Hydro Meter Service to provide new water meters, new reading equipment and meter installation services. The meter service, along with township crews will be working with all customers to complete the meter and equipment installations. It will be done according to existing meter reading routes throughout adjoining neighborhoods, according to

Residents and customers need to contact SLC/Hydro Meter Service at 1 (800) 335-1448, Tuesday through Saturday, to schedule an installation appointment. All township customers will also receive notices in the mail with more information about setting an appointment, officials said.

This is a mandatory program and there is no direct cost for the installation of the new equipment. Installation takes about 30 minutes. A meter technician will replace the old water meters with the new waters meters. For more information, contact the township water department at (734) 699-8925.

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St. Aloysius to welcome Detroit cardinal

Staff Writer

The only Catholic church in Romulus will be privy to a rare honor when Cardinal Adam Maida blesses the newly-renovated St. Aloysius Church on Ozga Road on Sunday, Oct. 7.

The cardinal will arrive at the church at 11 a.m. for mass and will bless the church, which has been under renovation for about five years, according to Richard Laskos, a spokesman for Maida.

City council members announced the visit to the public during their Monday meeting. Cindy Rhotan, the office manager of the church, said that

Molly Tippen church has been preparing for the visit.

> "There's a great deal of excitement at the church," she said Tuesday.

The cardinal's visit will include a re-dedication of the 56-year-old church, said Roseanne Barnstrom, the director of religious education at St. Aloysius.

"There's a great deal of pomp and circumstance," she said. "A re-dedication is very ritualized."

The cardinal granted the request of Fr. Festus Ejimadu to visit the church.

Founded in 1951, St. Aloysius has about 350 registered parishioners, Rhotan said. The church

has transformed significantly during a three-phase reconstruction project, she said. It is now more user-friendly and handicapped-accessible, she

One of the reasons the reconstruction is so special is that parishioners raised the money themselves so the transformation can take place, Rhotan said.

"We worked very hard, and we still have some things we'd like to do," she said. "The first phase was putting in the elevator . . . we still want to paint and take care of some other things, and we're working on that."

The reconstruction started under the oversight of the late Fr. Rick Thompson, and continues under Ejimadu.

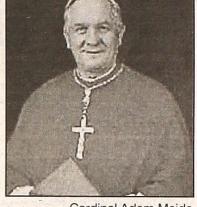
Visits from the cardinal don't occur often in the church simply because of the size of the Detroit diocese, said Barnstrom.

"I wouldn't call it rare, but when you consider there are 360 parishes in the Detroit diocese, a visit doesn't occur very often."

Monday night, Councilman William Wadsworth said the church has been part of the backbone of the city, and that the visit is a good thing for Romulus.

"St. Aloysius has been a beacon for more than 56 years," he

The church is open to the public, and residents are



Cardinal Adam Maida

encouraged to come to the church to hear Maida.

For more information about the visit, call the church at (734)

News in brief

Dementia seminar planned

Residents with loved ones suffering any of the numerous forms of dementia are invited to learn more about coping skills and available resources Oct. 11 at the Romulus Public Library.

'Joining the Journey: Connecting With A Loved One With Dementia" will be resented by Carol Crumpton, the community development officer of Arbor Hospice and Home Care.

Crumpton will also provide useful information about how to interact with those suffering from the disease.

A:40-minute film will be shown about dementia as part of the presentation. For more information, call the library at (734) 942-7589.

Storytelling is back

The Romulus Public Library is bringing back fall storytelling. Volunteers and invited storytellers will begin presentations for children ages 3 to 5. Sessions are scheduled at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays. The last session is sched-

There is no charge to attend the sessions, but there are space limitations. Registration is required on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The sessions will take place at the Romulus Public Library on 11121 Wayne Road.

To register, or to ask questions, call the library at (734) 942-

YWCA seeks outstanding woman

The Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) is hoping to celebrate the success of an outstanding woman after area residents nominate her for a YWCA of Western Wayne County 2007 Women of Achievement Award.

The Women of Achievement Awards recognize outstanding women throughout western Wayne County in categories including: communications/the arts, business leadership, government/law, dedicated volunteer, young professional, leadership award and young woman.

Nominees will be honored at the Women of Achievement Awards Luncheon and Silent Auction Nov. 16 at The Dearborn Inn. The program begins at 11 a.m. with a silent auction. The awards presentation begins at 12:15 p.m. Tickets are \$40 per person and \$400 for tables of 10.

For more information or to obtain a nomination packet, contact the YWCA at (313) 561-4110. Nomination deadline is Oct. 19.

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Wagner said.

The grant funds will be used for several purposes, including the procurement of fire packs that help a firefighter breathe and move if he or she is trapped in a building. The same packs assist firefighters in locating and moving a trapped firefighter from a burning structure. The department will also purchase an exhaust system that will reroute exhaust generated by fire vehicles from the station to the exterior of the facility when firefighters must run the engines inside, Wagner said.

Applying for the grant was a major undertaking for the department, said Wagner.

"I had to provide quite a bit of information about the city and its population," he said. "And I wrote a narrative to make the case for why we needed the

Mayor Alan Lambert thanked Wagner and the rest of the fire department for working hard to bring the grant to the small department.

"Those are funds that are needed by the city, and it will help a great deal," he said.

Teacher gets high marks, seniority

Andrea King Staff Writer

Becky Ellison never thought she'd be the teacher with the highest seniority in the Van Buren Public School District. Forty years later, there she is.

"I used to joke that was my goal, but I never thought I'd actually achieve it," she said. "It does feel good though to survive 40 years of education."

Ellison came to the Belleville area after she graduated from the University of Michigan in 1968. She started at West Willow, but moved to Quirk School in 1983 and spent a year there. She made one final move after that—to Elwell Elementary School in 1984.

One constant, she said, was that she always taught kindergarten.

"I love the spontaneity of young children and their eagerness to learn," Ellison said. "I love the growth they have and watching that happen in nine months."

Throughout the years, Ellison

has certainly seen growth, too. She's on her second generation of students, which she believes is an honor. That's why she stays at Elwell, she said, because of the staff, family orientation and the love of the community.

"It's always touching when you have high school kids come back and see you and invite you to their graduation," said Ellison.

In the last 40 years, Ellison has also witnessed many changes in kindergarten, such as more academic emphasis and the move from a half-day session to an all-day session in the Van Buren Public Schools. However, seeing the joy on the children's faces when they've learned something newlike how to write their name, a letter or how to use a sentence—is the best part of her job.

"They're all unique individuals," she said. "Every child comes in with their own skills and it's challenging. You have to have a lot of patience and a lot of love to give to children these days."

Her co-workers have recognized Ellison's hard work as well and, decided to celebrate her educational success recently by making her a 'throne' and deeming her 'Queen for the Day.'

"It's never a dull moment working with Becky," said Debby Twork, also a kindergarten teacher. "She's been a big help to me."

"She's a very caring mother figure," said interim Principal Nick Maniaci. "She's doing this because she loves it. She could have retired years ago, but she really enjoys teaching and immerses herself in it."

Ellison said she doesn't have plans to retire anytime soon,

"Even though every year gets a little more fatiguing, I still love my job," she said. "This has made me more aware of the importance of being a good role model and how important it is for young children to have a good role model in their

tiating teams will be able to reach an agreement shortly."

Though striking workers formed a chain to stop shipments from entering the plant, salaried employees and contract workers have been able to access the plant without a problem, said

Romulus Mayor Alan Lambert stopped by the strike area Monday, and although he didn't think there would be any immediate concerns to the city, he added that he hopes the two sides are able to come to an agreement.

"These are tough times for companies and workers," he said. "GM is important to the city and to the state. We just hope that an agreement is made soon so everything will get back to normal over there."

He also said normal in the days of outsourcing and the recent trouble in the American automobile industry is built on shifting sands.

These jobs mean that people in the community can afford the cars they build and a decent standard of living," he said. "If that goes, everything else will, too."

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until the strike was called Monday.

Job security was the main reason for the impasse, according to a statement released by Chairman Ron Gettelfinger.

"We were pushed into a strike and that's where we are at," he said in a statement. "We've met and solved all of GM's problems since 2003," he added. "We've worked with General Motors on every issue that came before them . . . There comes a point in time when you have to draw the line in the sand."

Those themes were widely reiterated by union members outside the Romulus plant Monday afternoon. Workers cited a 2006 giveback of a 3 percent general wage increase in 2006 and cost of living provision around the same time.

"We keep seeing parts coming in here from all over, Mexico (and) China," said McCarty. "We can't compete with workers in China. This is not about money it's about our way of life."

A union run healthcare system - and the parameters or it are part of negotiations, but the issue of the fund is not the main reason the strike occurred, union members said.

Ron Elcott, a retiree of the plant, said he was concerned over the health care issues being discussed at the bargaining table.

"I'm 58 years old, and I'm not old enough to take Medicare," he said. "We were counting on healthcare, and a lot of guys started there when they were 18 years old. I'm very concerned about it."

Theresa Wootten, the communications director for the plant, said the mood among the salaried workers at the plant is also solemn.

"When the word came that there would be a strike, everyone just left the facility in a very orderly fashion," she said. "We haven't had any problems. The UAW workers have been respectful of the salaried people, and they have been respectful to us.

"We all want it to be over," she said. "A strike doesn't benefit anyone in the long run - the unions or the management. We have every confidence the nego-

OPINION

A little help, here

Once again, Wayne officials and passionate volunteers are asking the same question: What's to become of the Historic Wayne Theater?

The one-year deadline to come up with enough funds to bring the 80-year-old structure up to code came and went last week and money was still short.

Faced with an apparent lack of interest from the majority of Wayne residents—and a string of relatively unsuccessful fundraisers—members of the theater board took a glum look at the future of the building, which many of them have spent most of their lives trying to bring back to life.

It isn't an easy question and there isn't any easy answer.

The title to the property is in escrow—part of a promise made by the theater board to the city to convince officials there were serious about restoring the vacant theater this time. Offering the land to the city doesn't necessarily mean that would happen, though. The city council would need to accept the donation, and that may depend on the costs involved with demolishing it, fixing it or what have you.

Whatever the outcome, you can't fault city leaders for their actions. They've been very accommodating to this group, giving them a year to organize several fundraisers and come up with a plan, and then extending it with an offer of compromise last week. It's clear they would rather see a success than a failure here, but in the meantime, the theater stands out like a broken tooth and they can't have that, either.

Our concern is that Wayne residents have been strangely silent throughout the year. If the plan is to succeed, they need to show some kind of support.

Legislators disgraced our state

As this paper went to press on Tuesday, there had still been no agreement on a state budget for the 2007-2008 fiscal year.

The budget must be in place when the fiscal year starts on Oct. 1 and yet there continues to be more finger pointing and blame going on than actual solutions being proposed—although state officials have said that 'tough negotiations' are under way.

It looks unlikely at this point that a budget will be put in place; we may see some kind of continuation budget or a partial budget plan or something along those lines.

What a shame for our great state.

At the same time, many organizations are trying to plan to continue their programs. School districts are questioning what kind of foundation allowance they'll receive—or if they'll even receive their payments on the middle of October. Organizations like The Senior Alliance cannot stand long without state funding. Major road projects—like the Michigan Avenue Reconstruction project in Wayne—could be stalled, possibly pushing them back another year.

'All of these things have devastating consequences.

At the same time, state leaders say they're trying to push economic development to help get us out of this mess.

Our question is this: if they can't get together to figure out how to keep the government running, how are they going to convince anyone there is enough stability in Michigan to ensure their investment will bear fruit?

That is the true tragedy here. Local officials, who bear the brunt of the complaints when things aren't happening, are being hamstrung by this silly impasse in Lansing. Investors are hesitating at a time when other states are acting proactively to lure them. And our leaders seem to be more interested in who will be in charge of the 'next

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It's all in a day's work

I've always been a nature buff.

As a child, I would go along with my brothers searching through the fields and creeks near my Canton Township home, looking for snakes, frogs, turtles or salamanders.

Sometimes we'd keep the critters we caught in the field, which is now a strip mall on the corner of Ford and Lilley roads, until we got bored with them and let them go or they escaped on their own.

Even so, I was unprepared for the sight at the Wayne Animal Shelter on Friday. The phrase "64 poisonous snakes" doesn't do adequate justice to actually seeing 64 poisonous snakes up close and personal, the only thing between you and them a plastic container or a wire mesh screen—which the expert on site cheerfully informed us they could bite through if they wanted to.

It was a little bit creepy.

Granted, they weren't all large snakes. Most were small to average size, some quite pretty. But when Bob Ashley started to move them around, their rattles made a buzz so loud I didn't really care how big they were.

And there were a few that made my mouth go dry and my collar seem tight. A large but thankfully lethargic diamondback rattler probably measured more than 4 feet long. There were quite a few that looked threatening enough, coiled back to

spring, their tails vibrating too fast to see.

And then there was the cobra.

cobra.

"It's supposed to be de-venomed, but I try not to take any chances," Ashley said.

He brushed a hook against the sack the snake was in and it jerked and hissed louder than any cat I've angered through my years of good-natured teasing. I thought my camera had malfunctioned, because I was suddenly further away. I had only involuntarily jumped back about 2 feet.

Close

to the

"We almost needed a mop there," I said to Ofc.
Terry Webb, who was photographing each snake.

"Almost mess up your knickers?" He asked. I nodded with a gulp. Venom or no, that thing was fast and its mouth looked large enough to swallow my fist. At least. My heart didn't slow down even after they applied a few extra strips of duct tape to keep the aquarium lid in place.

Ashley identified each snake and handled the containers with a casual air of long experience.

"In all my years of doing this, I've never been bitten," said Ashley, who is researching a book on rattlesnakes. "There's no reason to get bitten."

Well, there's no reason to keep 60 rattlers, three

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The upside down world of sports

Once upon a time all seemed right in the wide ing at not returning to the playworld of sports. if they can't catch the Yanks.

Actually it was just last year.

The Detroit Tigers went to the World Series; the Detroit Lions were practically winless then took a wide receiver as their first draft pick; the Pistons were a shake away from the championship and the Red Wings were ousted earlier from the playoffs than the talent pool should have allowed—all normal.

Locally, Canton football was poised for a trip back to Ford Field but fell just short; Northville girls' soccer was nearly unstoppable again and Inkster football was one solid frame away from wining a championship.

Heck, I even had a strong fantasy football year, considering I'd probably do better these days assembling a titanic team of high school football players than professional ones. That's what my life has been reduced to, but in a good way.

All was normal in the cheap seats until one day everything flipped upside down and fell down a rabbit hole and into a bizzaro, alternate sports wonderland where the right is wrong and the wrong, well, still seems pretty wrong—but in a good way. I think.

On the wrong side of things, the Tigers are look-

ing at not returning to the playoffs if they can't catch the Yanks. Last year, pitching was the one thing the franchise could count on and was the essential factor



that got them to the big tea party. Now, that one key—as big and golden as it was and how nicely it unlocked the door—is the team's one diminishing factor.

Canton is starting its football season, 2-3. The Chiefs haven't lost more than two games since 2000. It probably won't matter. If there is a more resilient team than Canton, I would like to see them. Besides, back in 2005 the squad started off 2-2 but Coach Tim Baechler and crew righted the ship and docked at Ford Field for the state championship finale. It could still happen again—as long as they don't lose another. Six wins is the magic number to get into the playoffs.

On top of that, Plymouth beat Canton and is now 3-2. Not that that is wrong. It's bad—for Canton. But it will definitely make Plymouth's highlight reel as one the biggest wins in the school's short history.

There are an astounding number (four) of win-

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less teams in the Journal area, too. Northville, Belleville, Salem and Romulus are all still searching for their first victories but time is running out. That just isn't right.

On the other side of things, both of the Wayne Memorial and John Glenn football teams—after years of struggling—are now on the verge of exploding to the next level, again. Wayne just improved to 3-2 with a win over Northville and Glenn, but not without a fight, just fell to 2-3.

The Lions have a winning record (2-1). 'Nuff said! Well, at least for one more week.

And to top it all off the Red Wings are getting younger—if you can believe it.

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get that far.

The sports season is young yet with a lot of games left to play and several seasons to endure. Teams like the Plymouth Whalers, which just lost its season and home opener; Northville soccer, boys and girls; Romulus and Belleville basketball teams; Northville baseball and softball along with Canton and Belleville softball teams all have the opportunity to make a splash in upcoming seasons.

I'm no caterpillar with infinite

I'm no caterpillar with infinite hookah wisdom to offer advice. But at least one of the above teams has to right the wrong.

Parker Salowich, the head coach of the Salem Rocks football team, is a cool cat that might end the season with a lasting smile if he can only capture that first elusive win.

That might be the only ticket that sets the cheap seats upright again.

and left.

"Drive careful," I told Ashley as he loaded the reptiles into the back of his SUV. It seemed like he'd be a hard brake away from a whole lotta trouble.

Suddenly, being an animal control officer didn't sound like as much fun.

This has already been a disgrace. State legislators have said they want to put Michigan more

they want to put Michigan more in the national spotlight as one of the reasons to move up the presidential primary next year. Well, they've achieved the spotlight all

right, much to their chagrin.

Snakes alive

64 reptiles removed from area basement

Scott Spielman Editor

A resident's trip to the hospital resulted in a strange discovery in the City of Wayne this week.

Police took 64 snakes from a home near Glenwood and Newburgh roads after the homeowner went to Oakwood Hospital to seek treatment for a rattlesnake bite.

"It was the fourth time he'd been bitten," said Sgt. Daryl Rize of the Wayne Police Department. "He had been in the process of feeding the snake."

The homeowner was dangling a mouse from a pair of forceps in the cage, according to Rize. The snake lunged for it, but caught the man on the hand, instead.

Staff at the hospital first alerted Westland police, who determined the man lived in Wayne. When animal control officers arrived, they found 60 rattlesnakes, three copperheads and one cobra—which had been devenomed, according to Rize.

"He had them in giant aquariums," Rize said. "(The aquariums) were 6 feet long and probably weighed a couple hundred pounds."

Police confiscated the snakes. They were housed temporarily at the Wayne Animal Shelter, but were transferred Friday afternoon to another holding center in Lansing better equipped to deal with the dangerous reptiles. Rize said the department has been working with the Michigan Humane Society and has found a reptile zoo in Kentucky that will accept all of the snakes.

He said the couple that own the home didn't know the city had an ordinance prohibiting the possession of dangerous snakes.

"They looked into it before they moved into the city and at the time we did not have an ordinance against dangerous snakes," Rize said. "Two months after they moved in, the city enacted the ordinance."

The homeowner is recovering from his bite. Rize said that's probably the worst thing they'll have to face through the issue.

"They were very cooperative with this," Rize said. "We're not going to charge them with anything on this. Their penalty is that they're going to lose the snakes."

Jim Smith, animal control officer for the City of Wayne, said it was unusual to find that many snakes in one home.

"As far as dangerous snakes goes, that was a first," he said. "And hopefully the last."



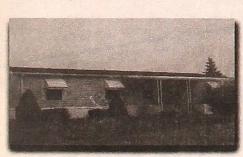
Wayne police kept the 64 snakes in several large aquariums until they could be transported Friday afternoon.

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College offers new Sunrise to Sunset class progr

Andrea King Staff Writer

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I think it's been

successful so we're

seriously considering

this for the

spring semester.

Anthony Arminiak

The early bird will catch the education worm with the new Sunrise to Sunset program at the Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD).

Starting this semester, the col-

lege is offering an extended learning program, which is an alternative to the traditional schedule of classes. The Project: Sunrise to Sunset will meet the of demands

those who want to go to school, but feel that they can't find the time, according to school officials.

"Due to an increase in enrollment we had to look at creative opportunities to schedule courses based on availability," said Anthony Arminiak, president of the downriver campus.

The WCCCD continues to experience explosive enrollment growth. Current enrollment is at a pace that will far exceed the fall 2006 semester enrollment, increasing the need to expand course offerings beyond the hours most institutions set, according to officials.

Sunrise to Sunset allows students the flexibility when building their school schedule around daily obligations. It gives students the options of selecting classes before the start and after the end of the traditional workday on selected campuses.

The pilot project schedules select classes starting at 6 a.m. Monday through Friday and extends evening classes to mid-

> night. Examples include: biology, microbiology computer, writing, math, government, speech, English, sociology and other classes.

"Some students will start later in the term

so people will have the chance to register without missing classes," said Arminiak.

Factors like job requirements and competencies are turning people back to school, especially community colleges, to gain the skills necessary to secure and maintain employment in the global job market, officials said.

The response of the Sunrise to Sunset program has been nothing but positive, too, Arminiak said.

"We've added a brand new opportunity for students," he said. "There's not too many schools in Michigan that are doing this type of program, particularly the 10 p.m. to midnight classes, which people are gravitating toward really quick."

"While there are some institutions around the country that are extending hours and using flexible schedules to meet student need, this is a significant step for colleges in southeast Michigan," said Dr. Curtis Ivery, chancellor of the college district.

"We are excited to provide this opportunity and make it a priority for those who want to attend school this fall," he added. "Through creative scheduling and the opportunity for students

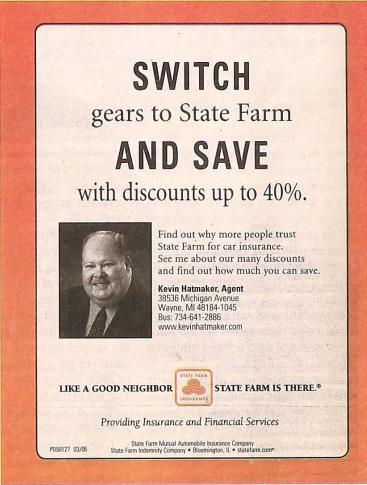
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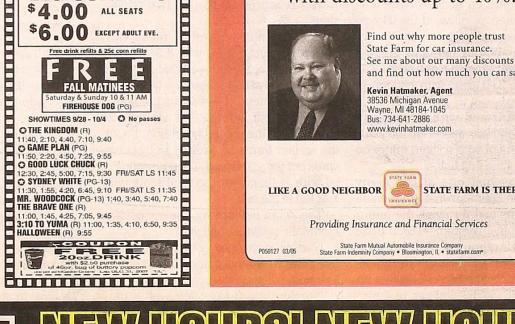
to gain the knowledge, skills and competencies required for today's workplace, this initiative opens the door for many who thought that school was out of reach."

The program is currently available at the downriver Taylor and downtown Detroit campuses, however, the college is looking to expand the project district-wide.

"I think it's been successful so we're seriously considering this for the spring semester and maybe even district-wide by the fall," said Arminiak.

"We're excited about the change," he added. "As a growing institution we're looking at multiple ways to meet student needs and, scheduling classes is one of our ways to do that."





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SPORTS

No horsing around Zebras beat Mustangs, 33-14

Jeff Novak Staff Writer

The Wayne Memorial Zebras improved to 3-2 and held Northville winless when the two teams met in Northville on Friday

Wayne's senior quarterback D.J. Freeman had a hand in all five Zebra touchdowns to lead Wayne to a 33-14 victo-

If he wasn't running, he was throwing. He scored four rushing touchdowns of 10, 23, four and two yards and tossed one to Eric Williams for a score.

He was hit full on by Northville tank Greg Hasse when he released the 68-yard bomb. The pass was a little under thrown do to the impact, but Williams made a great adjustment to catch it and score. The play made it a 33-0 game with 1:43 left in the first half.

Freeman finished with 66 yards on seven carries and was 3-for-4 for 109 yards before he went out with a slight injury on the last drive of the first half.

Freeman is just one of the many weapons in the Zebra arsenal. If Freeman isn't scrambling and throwing the junior tandem of Alan Freeman—D.J.'s little brother—and Anthony Baskin is either running around or through defenses respectively. Alan Freeman finished with 110 yards on 18 carries and ran in a twopoint conversion to make it 26-0.

And when the ground attack isn't in effect the air strike is-with solid receivers like juniors Williams and Antwain Calloway and senior Tim Siegfried. Williams finished with two catches for 91 yards. Calloway didn't get anything this week but hauled in seven passes for 115 yards against Plymouth. Wayne also has junior wideout C.J. Johnson who is returning from a broken hand and should make an impact. And Alan Freeman can get in on the act, too. He caught a pass for an 18-yard gain.

"Teams have to be able to stop all of those guys," said Wayne Coach Craig Hnatuk. "It's not the same player every week. It's a nice thing to have. We're just getting this thing going, hopefully."

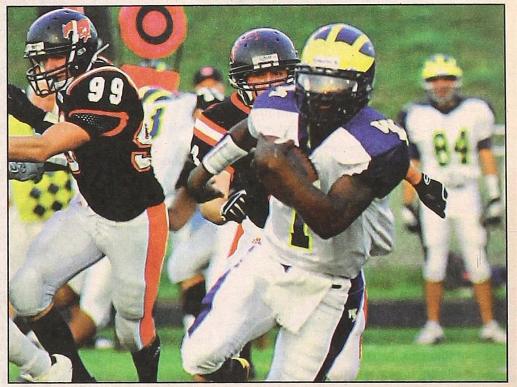
Wayne scored on its first five posses-

D.J. Freeman scored on an 11-yard scamper to make it 6-0 with 8:53 remaining in the first. He followed that up with a 23-vard score at 5:21 of the same period for a 12-0 Wayne lead. He made it 18-0 with a four-yard push into the end zone just 34 seconds into the second quarter. At 6:43 of the second frame he pushed in from two yards out for a 26-0 lead. Then he connected with Williams for the final score with 1:43 left in the half.

The Zebra defense was stellar, holding Northville to 63 first-half yards.

Northville changed gears in the second half. The Mustangs gained 208 yards on four possessions and scored twice.

Northville put together a nine-play drive that ended with a four-yard scramble by Andrew Devine with 7:54 left to play. The 'Stangs scored again in the ensuing drive when interim quarterback Aaron



Wayne's D.J. Freeman scored four touchdowns—three rushing and one passing—to help the Zebras get by Northville, 33-14, on Friday night.

Chew hit Jake Weddle for a 15-yard score with 59 seconds left in the game.

Northville was missing nine returning starters due to injuries heading into the game.

"We have a lot of guys that we weren't expecting to play until next year," said Northville Coach Ryan Hockman. "We have kids that are playing their tails off and have opportunities to get better and that's what they're doing. Nobody is down or pessimistic.

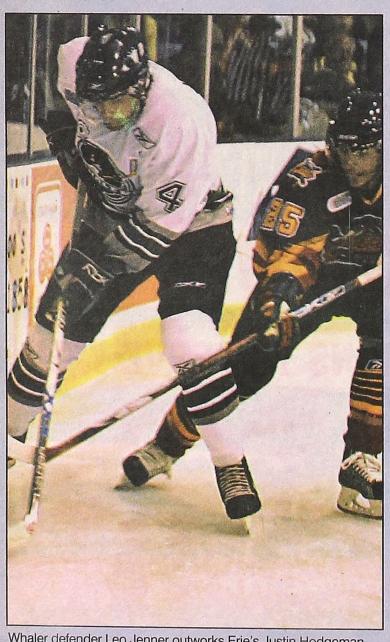
"I told them to win the second half and play hard and have fun and execute the call to the best of their ability," he added. "We have to give credit to Wayne, but we gave them some things. Two plays were on fourth down and we let them catch the ball and didn't try to scratch the ball out. I was a little disappointed."

It doesn't get any easier. Northville is at Plymouth at 7 p.m. tomorrow.

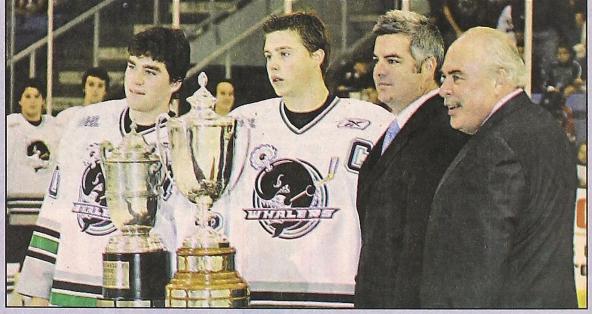
"There's no patsy in our league," Hockman said. "It's going to be tough every week and the kids are going to work hard. We're going to ask them to give us effort and they will. We don't doubt that at all."

Wayne has a homecoming battle with Walled Lake Western (4-1, 3-0 WLAA) at 7 p.m. tomorrow.

"We needed this victory big time—we needed to play well," Hnatuk said. "Walled Lake Western is making drastic improvements and we wanted to have an opportunity to compete against them and have it mean something. We control our own destiny and they're in our way. They're an outstanding team and we look forward to playing them."



Whaler defender Leo Jenner outworks Erie's Justin Hodgeman.



Plymouth players, from left Chris Terry and Andrew Fournier with Mike Vellucci, the Whalers president, general manager and head coach Mike Vellucci and Ontario Hockey League Commissioner David Branch pose with the Wayne Gretzky Trophy and J.Ross Robertson Trophy in a pregame ceremony last Saturday at Compuware Arena. Photo by Ken Garner

Banner season for Plymouth Whalers

It was the best of times; it was the worst of times.

The Plymouth Whalers celebrated a successful 2007-08 campaign when they raised their 2007 Ontario Hockey League championship banner Saturday night. The celebration kicked off what they hope will be just as successful of a 2008 season.

The kicker was visiting Erie hushed the antsy 3,613 sell-out crowd by defeating the Whalers,

Plymouth outshot Erie, 42-35, but couldn't get anything by former Whalers goalie Justin Garay. He stopped 38 of 42 shots for the Otter victory.

Justin Hodgman and Anthony Peluso led the Erie attack with a pair of goals each. Jordan Skellett and Zack Torquato added singles. Plymouth

received two goals from Joe McCann and singles from Chris Terry and AJ Jenks.

Jeremy Smith (Brownstown) stopped 29-of-35 shots in the

Plymouth plays in Kitchener

on Friday. The Whalers' next home

game is Saturday against Windsor at 7:05 p.m. at Compuware Arena.

SPORTS-

Inkster pummels Annapolis, 42-0

Jeff Novak Staff Writer

The maroon and white Inkster Vikings left Dearborn Heights Annapolis black and blue on Saturday after they trampled the Cougars, 42-0.

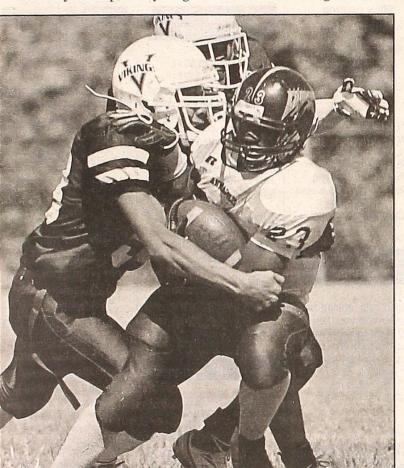
Does anyone expect anything

less of the mighty Vikes anymore?

They average 41 points a game; have blanked three of their five opponents, and have only allowed one offensive touchdown so far this season.

Who could ask for anything more?

Inkster Coach Greg Carter can.



Inkster's defense was superior to Annapolis's offense. The Vikings never allowed the Cougars past the Annapolis 40 in the 42-0 victory at home on Saturday. Photo by Jeff Novak

"We're still working on it," he said. "We played pretty good today. Our percentage in the first half of passing was low—we dropped some balls. I think we were 9-for-19, but we need to improve that percentage.

"We're just trying to perfect things so when we get later on in the season when we're playing a quality, playoff opponent that we're able to step up and play four quarters."

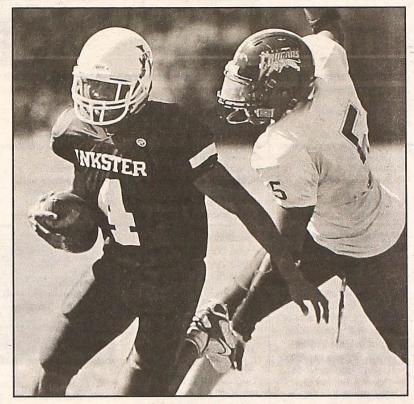
After four incomplete passes to end their scoreless first drive the Viking offense went on a roll.

Senior quarterback Aaron Shavers was on a mission to make sure of it. He had a hand in the team's first four touchdowns.

He completed his first pass to Renty Rollins for a 20-yard pick up. The play set up his seven-yard scoring run with 4:28 left in the first quarter. On Inkster's next drive, he went 3-for-4, including a 14-yard touchdown strike to Derrick Coker four seconds into the second frame.

It then took almost the entire second quarter before the Vikings would score again. Shavers scampered 12 yards to make it a 21-0 game with 3:48 left in the first half and scrambled another 15 yards as time expired to give Inkster a 28-0 advantage.

Inkster capped off the scoring in the fourth quarter with a seven-yard touchdown by Willis Thomas at 11:56 of the final



Inkster quarterback Aaron Shavers scrambled for three rushing touchdowns and threw for another in the 42-0 routing of Annapolis.

Photo by Jeff Novak

frame and a three-yard score by Joshua Williams about midway through.

Defense was key in the game. Although Annapolis lined up in unusual formations, the Vikings held. Annapolis never made it further than their own 40yard line.

"We're more aggressive than we have been in the past," Carter said. "We're getting after people. That's what you have to do against these spread and untraditional offenses. You can't just sit back so we make sure that we apply pressure. Our guys are doing good and tackling pretty

well. The defense is doing greatand that's what it's going to take to advance in the playoffs."

Speaking of playoffs, Inkster (5-0) only needs one more victory to ensure a spot on the next trek to a state championship. Six wins are needed for a playoff birth.

Next up is a bout at Dearborn Heights Crestwood (3-2) at 7 p.m. on Friday. It is Crestwood Homecoming and the Chargers will be hungry for the win.

"We feel like we have to be prepared every week because we have a bulls eye on our back because we are doing well so far," Carter said.

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Rowe, Marcia Hurlburt,

Shelly (Guy) Taranto & the

late Lorence Pinkard.

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and great-great grand-

mother of 5. Final arrange-

ments were entrusted to

Uht Funeral Home.

Cremation rites were

accorded. Please visit and

post a tribute at uhtfh.com.

FULTON, Barbara Ann

September 20, 2007 age

73 of Garden City, after a

courageous battle with ill-

ness. Devoted wife of

Thomas H. Dear mother

of Michael (Susan), Paul

(LeAnn), Robert (Monica),

Donald (Dawn) and

Catherine (Thomas

Connors) Fulton. Sister of

Jean McKay & the late

Arthur Glaser. Loving

Grandmother of 11.

Family received friends at

the Uht Funeral Home,

Westland. Mass of the

Resurrection was celebrat-

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Church, Wayne, with Fr.

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Memorials to Angela

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GREAVES, Beatrice J.

September 24, 3007 age

79 of Ypsilanti formerly of

Westland, eloved mother

of Susan (William) Helke,

Janet Ingles, Anne Hallecy,

Polly Greaves, Elizabeth

(Tom) Barron and Jennifer

Greaves. Grandmother of

Jesse Wallen, Tommy

Barron, Krista Hallecy, P.J.

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and certification as a State Office cleaning September 9, 2007. He 1. Obituaries

was born October 21, 1959. He is survived by his father Junius (Janet) Howard; his mother Bertha ELY, Winifred, age 92 of Nell Howard preceded him Westland, died September in death on Feb. 9, 2006; 23, 2007. Beloved wife of sisters, Reverand Valerie the late Philip. Dear moth-(Walter) Wells and er of the late Phyllis Reverand Roxanne Pinkard, Patricia Hurlburt, Jackson; brother, Junius Ronna Hughes, Linda Dupree Howard; half-sis-Rowe & Bonnie Ely. ters, Gail (Michael) Jones Grandmother of Sue and Sheena Howard; step Cross, Tim (Lena) Pinkard,

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(deceased). Services were held at Faith Way Ministries, Inkster, MI, withg Bishop Bennie L Oliphant officiating. Cremation rites were accorded. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home, Inkster, MI.

LAWLEY, Edward Earl, September 23, 2007 age 78 of Plymouth. Beloved husband of the late Theo Dear father of Marie E. (Don) Jones and Kenneth E. (Christine) Lawley. Grandfather of Jared Jones, Michele, Kaitlyn, Jonathan and Vanessia Lawley. Brother of Dr. George D. Lawley and Joan Antal. Services were held at Fair Haven Baptist Church, Westland, with Pastor Bob McDonald officiating. Burial was in Mt. Hope Memorial Gardens, Livonia, MI. Family received friends at Uht Funeral Home, Westland

Memorials would be

appreciated to the church.

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ute at www.uhtfh.com

PAYNE, Virginia, age 93 of Traverse City, formerly of Melvindale, died September 19, 2007 Beloved wife of the late Harry. Loving aunt of Harold (Cecilia) Kranick and Deanna Lovenduski. Funeral service was held at and final arrangements were entrusted to Michigan Memorial Funeral Home, (next to Michigan Memorial Park) 30895 Huron River Dr., Huron Twp., (737)783-2646. Entombment in Michigan Memorial Park.



PETERS, Cle Esther, age 70, died September 4, 2007. She was born January 7, 1937. She leaves one son. Donald of Romulus; three daughters, Joyce and Rhonda of Romulus and Thurstine of California; daughter-in-law, LaTanya Peters and son-inlaw David Jones, both of Romulus; brother, Fred and sister, Celeste, both of

Romulus; brother-in-law, Ronald Warren of Romulus; eighteen grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Services were held at Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Romulus, MI with Rev. James A. Thompson officiating. Interment was at Mt. Hope Memorial Gardens, Livonia, MI. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral

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Westland, MI

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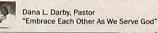
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